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Applicant: Martin et al.

: Art Unit: 2833

Serial No.: 10/087,030

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

(37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Mail Stop AF Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2003 and made final, Applicants hereby submit the following remarks and request reconsideration of the present claim rejections.

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TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is:
 Response To Final Office Action (13 pgs.), in response to Office Action dated
 September 12, 2003
 Amendment Transmittal Form (3 pgs.), in duplicate

STATUS

2. Applicantclaims small entity status.is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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I hereby certify that the documents listed above are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Mail Stop AF, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3.	The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R.								
	1.136 apply.								
	(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)								
	(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)								
Extension for response within:				ithin:	C	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)		
				first month	\$	110.00	\$ 55.00		
				second month	\$	420.00	\$ 210.00		
				third month	\$	950.00	\$ 475.00		
				fourth month	\$1	,480.00	\$ 740.00		
				fifth month	\$2	,010.00	\$1,005.00		
						Fee Due	\$		
If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. (Check and complete the next item, if applicable)									
An extension of months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.									
Extension fee due with this request \$									
OR									
(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility the applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for of time.						sibility that			

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL. RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$43 = \$		x \$86 = \$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

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			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL FEE	ADDITION				
	(a)	No additional fee for Claims is required								
		OR								
	(b)	Total additional fee for claims required \$								
FEE PAYMENT										
5.	Attached is a check in the sum of \$									
	Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.									
FEE DEFICIENCY										
6.		If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.								
AND/OR										
		If any additional fee for claims is require 2384.	ed, charge Deposit	Acco	ount No	o. 01-				
7.		Other:								
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